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— Thomas Fons

Through the peephole in my door  
(before she knocks) I see  
her face, convex.

She opens her purse,  
pulls out a compact,  
puts on a new face.

Still convex  
from my side -  
she ponders her mirror.

Picking her nose  
with a wrinkled tissue -  
I feel comically mean

enough to swing  
open the door,  
but I laugh quietly instead.

My peephole winking:  
a cyclops watching  
and learning her secrets.

A shift of skirt, tug of blouse;  
she coughs twice into her fist  
then gently strikes the door four times.

I run my fingers through my hair  
and open the door, surprised to see her  
looking so lovely, which I comment.